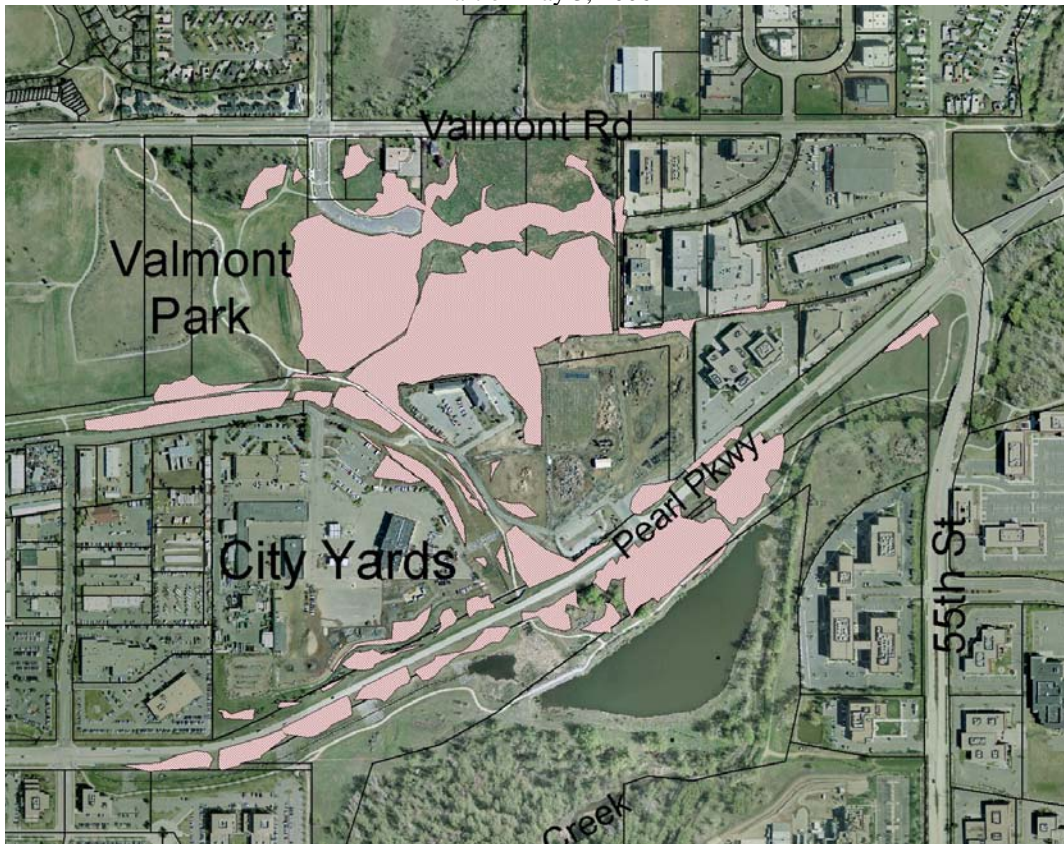


## Colony #9 Valmont Park and Pearl Parkway Area

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### Current Uses of Properties

- City-owned – park site and park operations, transportation right-of-way and fleet maintenance
  - Phase I Park Site developed-multi use playing field
  - Undeveloped city park site
- Private – light industrial and commercial
  - Fully developed general industrial park
- Goose Creek flood control drainage ways

### Size and Condition of Colony

- Total size of colony: 50 acres
- High density prairie dog population which is contiguous to or in close proximity to colonies on several public and private properties
- Colonies are highly bounded by roads, irrigated and landscaped commercial office parks, landscaped park, light industrial and other undesirable areas (lake and cottonwood riparian area)
- Site is 70% covered by weedy vegetation, especially Scotch and Canada thistles

### Current and Future Conflicts

- Colony is expanding and currently in very close proximity to the developed, multi-use field
- Future Park development
- Conflict with private commercial property landscaped areas

## **Mitigation Opportunities**

- Barriers
- Hardscaping
- Establish sustainable population and maintain

## **Potential Management Options**

On park sites:

- Removal

On fleet maintenance site:

- Removal

On private commercial sites:

- Removal

On transportation right-of-ways:

- Remove permanently impacted prairie dogs should road expansion occur and use BMPs to protect temporarily impacted prairie dogs
- Establish a sustainable population and maintain.